



**MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMPETENT AUTHORITIES ON PRICING AND  
REIMBURSEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTHCARE PAYERS (NCAPR)**

**26 OCTOBER 2023, 09H00-17H00 CET**

**MADRID (PHYSICAL)**

**AGENDA**

**08.30– 09.00** *Registration and coffee*

**09.00 – 09.30** **Opening**

- *Spanish Presidency: Cesar Hernández, General Directorate for the Common Portfolio of SNS and Pharmacy, Ministry of Health*
- *European Commission: Sylvain Giraud, DG SANTE Head of Unit D2 (Medical Products: Quality, Safety, Innovation)*

**Adoption of the meeting notes from the last NCAPR Plenary**

**09.30-10.45. Setting the strategic direction for EU-level cooperation on medicine pricing and reimbursement policies in the NCAPR**

*Following the communication on a Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe, the Commission has relaunched and facilitated Member State cooperation in the NCAPR group at the service of and driven by its members. During the latest June Plenary, the group identified common challenges for affordability and access to medical products. Based on those, priorities for further voluntary EU-cooperation and concrete actions to take forward were drafted by interested NCAPR members. In this session, we will update you on the work conducted, highlighting those points that require a strategic discussion and high-level buy-in.*

- *Wrap-up of the priority areas and actions identified at last meeting of the NCAPR. Johan Pontén (SE)*
- *Towards a more strategic cooperation on price and reimbursement? The need to strengthen our cooperation. César Hernández (ES)*
- *EU health priorities: lessons learned and perspectives. Cristina Modoran (EC)*
- *Opportunities to move forward: potential work methods and developing technical support through a Joint Action. Francis Arickx (BE), Sylvain Giraud (EC)*

**10.45– 11.00**

*<<Coffee break>>*

**11.00-12.30** **Setting the strategic direction for EU-level cooperation on medicine pricing and reimbursement policies in the NCAPR (continuation)**

- *Discussion*
- *Summary & Conclusion*

12.30– 13.30                      <<*Lunch and networking*>>

**13.30 – 15.00 Dealing with uncertainty: how can payers/buyers lead industry to produce robust and relevant evidence? Sharing solutions and experiences**

*One of the five priority areas identified by NCAPR members is to improve evidence generation and address the uncertainty surrounding pricing and reimbursement decisions, along with communicating the lack of evidence to make a decision. During this session, the objective is to share experiences and present how Member States tackle the issue of uncertainties using RWE; as well as addressing questions like: What challenges are MS facing while implementing these solutions? Are these solutions sustainable? What are the long-term effects?*

- *How DARWIN could help buyers/payers in their decision-making. Peter Arlett (EMA)*
- *“Post Launch Evidence Generation- What’s Needed to Build Robust Evidence for Payers?”. Karen Facey (RWE4D)*
- *How to take into account uncertainty in conditional P&R decisions. Carlos Martín Saborido (ES)*
- *How to publicly communicate difficult reimbursement decisions. Aldo Golja (NL)*
- *Discussion and next steps*

15.00 – 15.20                      <<*Coffee break*>>

**15.20- 16.45 Overcoming the hurdles of initiating treatment optimisation studies and steering repurposing of medicines**

*During the June Plenary, the need for treatment optimisation studies to bridge the research gap between pre-approval development and post-approval use of a medicine was highlighted. This holds potential benefits in terms of patient safety/outcomes and cost savings. However, given the lack of commercial interest, challenges remain regarding the conduct of such studies. In this session, the aim is to discuss possible joint efforts to overcome these hurdles.*

- *Debrief previous session. Momir Radulovic (SI)*
- *SONIA Trial: the Dutch model to support academic trials for treatment optimisation. Prof. Dr. Gabe Sonke (NL)*
- *Steering drug repurposing. César Hernandez (ES), Lilia Luchianov (EC)*

**16.45– 17.00 Conclusions/ Next meeting**

- *Spanish Presidency: Silvia Calzón Fernández. Secretary of State for Health*
- *European Commission*

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